

W. Burrell Ellis, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

July 10, 2009



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BENCHMARK COMMUNITIES INC 136553
6111 PEACHTREE DUNWOODY RD NE STE F102
ATLANTA GA 30328-4577



Dear DeKalb Taxpayer:

Enclosed is your consolidated 2009 DeKalb County Real Estate Tax Statement detailing your property values and related taxes for this year. As elected representatives of your County Government, we feel it is our obligation to provide the following information concerning your tax statement.

Your total tax bill for 2009 is \$585.32. Of this amount, only 42.06% of the bill or \$246.16 is for County government taxes. The remainder of the bill consists of Board of Education taxes, State taxes, applicable City taxes, and other special assessments and fees including stormwater and sanitation. It is important to note that even if you have homestead exemption on your property, you will likely see an increase in your tax amount this year. This increase is due to the loss of the Homeowner's Tax Relief Grant (HTRG), previously enacted and funded by the Governor and State General Assembly. The state HTRG provided an \$8,000 credit towards the assessed value and was applied to all county, city, school, and state taxes, excluding bonds for an average savings of approximately \$300 per homestead.

The majority of your billed amount consists of school taxes levied by the Board of Education. The Board of Education establishes its own budget for the maintenance and operation of county schools, and imposes the school tax rate to fund that budget. Neither the Chief Executive Officer nor the Board of Commissioners has authority over the Board of Education and its tax rate. By state law, the Board of Commissioners is required to adopt the school tax rate established by the Board of Education. Citizens wishing to express comments or offer input regarding school taxes should contact the nine-member Board of Education at 678-676-1200.

Property taxes are the single most important revenue source for local governments and school systems, and we realize the significant burden imposed on County taxpayers. We hope this information clarifies how the County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education are separate and distinct entities, and that the tax rates set by these independent bodies affect the amount of property taxes that you pay in DeKalb County.

Sincerely,

W. Burrell Ellis, Jr., CEO

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2009 DEKALB COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAX STATEMENT

PAY ONLINE AT www.co.dekalb.ga.us/taxcommissioner
OR BY PHONE AT 404-298-4000

CLAUDIA G. LAWSON
TAX COMMISSIONER

OWNER BENCHMARK COMMUNITIES INC
CO-OWNER
PARCEL I.D. 15 012 01 156
PROPERTY ADDRESS 000000 REDWOOD TRCE
TAX DISTRICT 04 UNINCORP
PIN 4613340

APPRAISAL VALUES AND EXEMPTION INFORMATION

LAND	36,500	40% TAXABLE ASSESSMENT	14,600
BUILDING		BASE ASSESSMENT FREEZE	0
MISCELLANEOUS		NET FROZEN EXEMPTION	0
TOTAL	36,500	EXEMPTION CODE	

COUNTY GOVERNMENT TAXES

Levied by the Board of Commissioners: representing 42.06% of your tax statement

TAXING AUTHORITIES	TAXABLE ASSESSMENT	X	MILLAGE	=	GROSS TAX AMOUNT	-	FROZEN EXEMPTION	-	CONST-HMST EXEMPTION	-	HOST CREDIT	=	NET TAX DUE
COUNTY OPNS	14,600		0080000		116.80		.00		.00		.00		116.80
HOSPITALS	14,600		0009600		14.02		.00		.00		.00		14.02
COUNTY BONDS	14,600		0005700		8.32		.00		.00		.00		8.32
UNIC BONDS	14,600		0013700		20.00		.00		.00		.00		20.00
FIRE	14,600		0024600		35.92		.00		.00		.00		35.92
UNIC TAXDIST	14,600		0035000		51.10		.00		.00		.00		51.10
TOTAL COUNTY TAXES													\$246.16

STATE & CITY TAXES, AND OTHER CHARGES

Levied as applicable by State, City, or County: representing 62% of your tax statement

TAXING AUTHORITIES	TAXABLE ASSESSMENT	X	MILLAGE	=	GROSS TAX AMOUNT	-	FROZEN EXEMPTION	-	CONST-HMST EXEMPTION	-	HOST CREDIT	=	NET TAX DUE
STATE TAXES	14,600		0002500		3.65		.00		.00		.00		3.65
TOTAL STATE, CITY AND OTHER ASSESSMENTS													\$3.65

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS PAGE 1 OF YOUR TAX BILL AND REPRESENTS TAXES AND FEES THAT YOU PAY TO THE COUNTY, STATE, AND LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES, IF APPLICABLE. YOUR BILL IS CONTINUED ON THE NEXT PAGE DETAILING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES YOU PAY TO THE DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM AND CONTAINS YOUR INSTALLMENT PAYMENT COUPONS. THE CHANGE IN FORMAT OF YOUR TAX BILL WAS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION APPROVED ON MAY 19TH, 2009. ENCLOSED WITH THIS BILL IS YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX INFORMATION SHEET WHICH CONTAINS VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES, INCLUDING DEADLINE DATES, HOMESTEAD AND SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS, OFFICE HOURS AND LOCATIONS, AND IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS.

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APPRAISAL VALUES AND EXEMPTION INFORMATION

TOTAL 36,500 **40% TAXABLE ASSESSMENT** 14,600
EXEMPTION CODE

BOARD OF EDUCATION - SCHOOL TAXES

Levied by Board of Education: representing 57.32% of your tax statement

TAXING AUTHORITIES	TAXABLE ASSESSMENT	X	MILLAGE	=	GROSS TAX AMOUNT	-	FROZEN EXEMPTION	-	CONST-HMST EXEMPTION	-	HOST CREDIT	=	NET TAX DUE
SCHOOL OPNS	14,600		0229800		335.51		.00		.00		.00		335.51
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX													\$335.51

TOTAL CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES

	MILLAGE		GROSS TAX AMOUNT	-	FROZEN EXEMPTION	-	CONST-HMST EXEMPTION	-	HOST CREDIT	=	NET TAX DUE
TOTAL DUE	0.040090		585.32		.00		.00		.00		\$585.32

This consolidated tax statement represents both school taxes and county government taxes. Please note that your county government taxes amount to \$246.16 or 42.06% of your total annual taxes. The remaining portions of your tax bill represent: Taxes levied by the Board of Education, State of Georgia, and other municipal entities; or other special assessments.

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD, STAPLE, OR CLIP REMITTANCE COUPONS TO PAYMENT

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:
DEKALB COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER
P.O. BOX 100004
DECATUR, GA 30031-7004

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A 5% PENALTY WILL
BE IMPOSED IF THE AMOUNT SHOWN IS
NOT PAID BY THE INSTALLMENT DUE DATE**

DUE DATE
NOVEMBER 15, 2009

SECOND INSTALLMENT

PARCEL I.D.	15 012 01 156
TOTAL ANNUAL TAX	\$585.32
INSTALLMENT AMOUNT DUE	\$292.66

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Enter Amount Paid

RETURN THIS COUPON WITH YOUR SECOND PAYMENT

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DECATUR, GA 30031-7004

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A 5% PENALTY WILL
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NOT PAID BY THE INSTALLMENT DUE DATE**

DUE DATE
AUGUST 31, 2009

FIRST INSTALLMENT

PARCEL I.D.	15 012 01 156
TOTAL ANNUAL TAX	\$585.32
INSTALLMENT AMOUNT DUE	\$292.66

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RETURN THIS COUPON WITH YOUR FIRST PAYMENT

IF MAKING FULL PAYMENT, TAXES MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31st